

REMARKS/ ARGUMENTS

Prior to the final office action, claims 1-9 and 11-24 were pending. By the present amendment, claims 1 and 2 have been amended and claim 6 has been cancelled. Thus, following entry of this amendment, claims 1-5, 7-9 and 11-24 will be pending in the case.

In the office action, the Examiner objected to the specification, rejected claims 1 and 2 for indefiniteness under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and indicated that the subject matter of dependent claim 6 was allowable over the prior art.

By the present amendment applicant has amended the specification and claims 1 and 2 to overcome the objections and rejection stated under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Also, the limitation of allowed claim 6 has been amended into independent claim 1 and claim 6 has been cancelled. Thus, this amendment has placed the application in condition for allowance based on the allowable subject matter indicated in the final office action. Accordingly, entry of this amendment on an after final basis is requested.

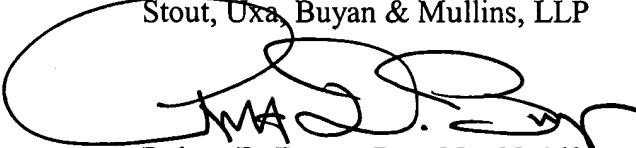
The foregoing amendment is made for purposes of placing the application in condition for allowance in view of the finality of the office action and the indication of allowable subject matter by the examiner. The filing of this amendment does not imply or indicate that Applicant agrees with any of the grounds for rejection stated in the office action. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute claims that are the same as or broader than those rejected in this application by way of one or more related applications.

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Entry of the foregoing amendment and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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